

## **Yavapai County RAC**

May 13, 2014

Prescott Fire Center

**Attendees:** Debbie Maneely, Gary Roysdon, Pete de Coux, Neil Swanson, Chip Davis, Mark Herrin, Alan Kessler, John Munderlay, Brian Witty, Ben De Blois, Dan Campbell, Gary Beverly, Tony Gioia, Judy Stoycheff, Nancy Lewis, Chip Norton, Diane Wahlbrink, Sanford Cohen, Dave Irvine, Thomas Thurman, Norman Perry. Richard Lynch, who couldn't be present, sent in his votes.

### **Review Agenda/Introductions**

- We have a quorum.

### **Introduce Teresa Chase, new Prescott National Forest Supervisor/DFO**

### **RAC Business**

- Charter ended in June and member term extensions have now been extended until June of 2016
- Alan Kessler may have a replacement for his position
- The chairman position is for one year and a motion was made, seconded, and approved (unanimously) for Chip Davis to continue as chairman for another year

### **Discuss extending Cornville Recreation Site (Windmill Park Expansion)**

- This project was awarded \$35,000 in August 2011.
  - They have remaining funds of \$29,000.
- At this moment the FS does not have authority to roll over funds once they have expired.
  - If that authority comes through, does the committee want to OK rolling over those funds to continue the project?
- Consensus is yes.

Because of time lines that the Prescott National Forest has to meet for fiscal responsibilities, Nancy Lewis, Grants and Agreements Specialist, would like the selected projects on her desk no later Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

A comment was made that in years past, more projects were chosen with an emphasis on economic possibilities, and that this year maybe the emphasis should be on fire reduction/prevention.

A question was raised regarding what oversight is there to make sure that these projects are completed? The Prescott National Forest assigns a project lead to each project and they are responsible for checking on the progress and signing off on the completion of projects.

Spread sheets for the past year's chosen projects were handed out for review.

## **Project Review**

Per Debbie's news release of March 5, 2014, the following types of projects are eligible:

- Road, trail access, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration
- Soil health and productivity improvement
- Improvement in forest ecosystem health and productivity
- Watershed restoration, preservation and maintenance
- Restoration, maintenance, and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat
- Control of noxious and exotic weeds
- Re-establishment of native species
- Encourage sustainable recreation opportunities
- Other (i.e. Fire prevention, integrated pest management etc.)

**Dollars Requested: \$1,449,374**

**Dollars Available: \$ 330,653**

Projects #6 and #16 were selected in round 2 but funding was cut because of sequestration. The suggestion was made that these two projects roll over to this year's selection. Consensus was yes.

- #1 Granite Creek Watershed Invasive Weed Control & Community Education Project**  
\$71,826 Prescott Creeks
- #2 Vegetation Management on National Forest Lands to Improve Watershed Health**  
\$75,000 Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition, Melody Reifsnyder
- #3 Infrastructure Improvements for Water Conveyance Efficiency**  
\$74,970 Verde Ditch Association  
(Submitted Project Application in Round 2; Awarded \$74,850)
- #4 Verde River Greenway Habitat Improvement Phase II**  
\$74,010 Friends of the Verde River Greenway  
(Submitted Project Application in Round 1 for Phase I; Awarded \$48,582)
- #5 Preparation for Range Closure and Restoration of Watershed**  
\$75,000 Prescott Sportsmen's Club and Prescott National Forest Service  
(Submitted Project Application in Round 3; Not Selected)
- #6 Fuels Reduction & Habitat Improvement Plan for the Highlands Center for Natural History**  
\$63,837 Highlands Center for Natural History  
(Submitted Project Application in Round 3: Selected but Not Funded)
- #7 Fain Park Trail Restoration and Watershed Maintenance**  
\$41,750 Town of Prescott Valley, Brian Witty (Parks & Rec)
- #8 Rezzonico Park River Access**  
\$23,100 Town of Camp Verde
- #9 Dewey-Humboldt Trailhead Analysis**  
\$12,000 Town of Dewey-Humboldt and Prescott National Forest Service
- #10 Dewey-Humboldt Fire Prevention - Firebreak**  
\$65,000 Town of Dewey-Humboldt, Yvonne Kimball (Town Manager)

- #11 **Old Miner Road**  
\$19,000 Groom Creek Fire District, Todd Bentley
- #12 **Prescribe Fire Assistance**  
\$51,450 Groom Creek Fire District, Todd Bentley
- #13 **School House Gulch**  
\$19,500 Groom Creek Fire District, Todd Bentley
- #14 **Mt Tritle Boundary**  
\$72,817 Groom Creek Fire District, Todd Bentley
- #15 **YCC Crew for Yavapai County and Prescott National Forest Service**  
\$75,000 Yavapai County Education Service Agency, Mike Saint-Amour  
(Submitted Project Application in Round 1; Awarded \$75,000)  
(Submitted Project Application in Round 2; Awarded \$75,000)  
(Submitted Project Application in Round 3; Awarded \$75,000)
- #16 **Cornville Trails Trailheads**  
\$74,999 Yavapai County, Mike Willett  
(Submitted Project Application in Round 3; Selected but Not Funded)
- #17 **Doce Fire Trails Rehabilitation**  
\$75,000 Prescott National Forest, Jason Williams
- #18 **Aspen Creek Watershed Improvement Project**  
\$74,445 Prescott National Forest, Kurt Wetzstein - Priority #3  
(Submitted Project Application in Round 2; Awarded \$74,445)
- #19 **Deering Park Watershed Improvement Project**  
\$74,445 Prescott National Forest, Kurt Wetzstein - Priority #1
- #20 **Spruce Mountain Watershed Improvement Project**  
\$74,445 Prescott National Forest, Kurt Wetzstein - Priority #2
- #21 **Crown King Road Improvement**  
\$70,000 Crown King Road Maintenance Association, Charles Bolle
- #22 **Forest Road #76 Improvement (Old Miner Road)**  
\$60,000 Gary Williams  
(Submitted Project Application in Round 1, 2, and 3; Not Selected)
- #23 **Kamp Kipa Forest Road #261**  
\$74,209 Kamp Kipa/Laestadian Lutheran Church, Jim Moll
- #24 **Big Bug Mesa Road Upgrade**  
\$57,071 Mark Herrin  
(Submitted Project Application in Round 1 and 2; Not Selected)  
(Submitted Project Application in Round 3; Awarded \$41,806 for Upper Big Bug)  
(Submitted Project Application in Round 3; Awarded \$41,806 for Lower Big Bug)

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Group 1</u>	<u>Group 2</u>	<u>Group 3</u>
1		N	N	Y
2		M	N	N
3	\$ 74,970	Y	Y	Y
4	\$ 74,010	Y	Y	Y
5		Y	N	N
6	\$ 63,837	Y	Y	Y
7		N	N	M
8		N	Y	N
9		N	N	N
10		N	N	N
11		Y	N	M
12		N	N	Y
13		N	N	M
14		N	N	M
15		M	Y 1/2	M
16	\$ 37,499	Y 1/2	Y 1/2	Y 1/2
17	\$ 40,168	Y	N	Y
18		Y	N	M
19	\$ 40,168	Y 1/2	Y 1/2	Y
20		Y	N	M
21		M	N	M
22		N	N	N
23		M	N	M
24		N	N	N
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 330,652</b>			

If one or more of the approved projects is disqualified then funds are to be distributed to fully fund #19, then #16, then #17. After that, funding would go to the alternate projects. See below.

#### Alternate Projects by Priority and Amounts

#15	\$75,000	$\frac{1}{2}$	\$37,500
#20	\$74,445		
#18	\$74,445		
#11	\$19,500		
#21	\$70,000		
#23	\$74,209		

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm